

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Audiologists
Speech-Language Pathologists
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Speech/Audiology Program: Fee Schedule Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2006 relative value units (RVUs); and
- A one percent (1%) vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

HRSA is updating the Speech and Audiology Program fee schedule with Year 2006 RVUs. The 2006 Washington State Legislature appropriated a one percent (1%) vendor rate increase for the 2007 state fiscal year. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect these changes.

Visit HRSA's web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>. To view a current fee schedule, click ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules***, then ***Accept***, then ***Fee Schedules***.

Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

Place of Service

Reminder: Effective July 1, 2006, all claims submitted to HRSA must include the appropriate Medicare **two-digit place of service code**. Claims with a single-digit place of service codes will be denied.

National Correct Coding Initiative

HRSA continues to implement the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policy. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created this policy to promote national correct coding methods. NCCI assists HRSA to control improper coding that may lead to inappropriate payment. HRSA bases coding policies on:

- The American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) manual;
- National and local policies and edits;
- Coding guidelines developed by national professional societies;
- The analysis and review of standard medical and surgical practices; and
- Review of current coding practices.

HRSA may perform a post-pay review on any claim to ensure compliance with NCCI. Visit the NCCI on the web at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/cciedits>.

Updated Billing Instructions

HRSA has published updated *Speech/Audiology Program Billing Instructions* that include July 1, 2007 Fee Schedule, EPA update, policy clarification, and new formatting. See "How can I get HRSA's provider documents?" for information on obtaining these updated billing instructions.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the ***Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda*** or ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules*** link).

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